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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as shown

~~NOVEL-STREPTOCOCCUS THERMOPHILUS STRAINS PRODUCING STABLE HIGH-~~
~~MOLECULAR-MASS EXOPOLYSACCHARIDES~~

In the specification

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention and before the Field of the Invention statement starting on line 1, please insert the following section:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/EP03/05805, filed June 3, 2003, which claims priority of EP 02447104.7, filed June 3, 2002.

On page 42 before Claim 1, please amend as follows:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:~~CLAIMS~~